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application. As can be seen from the Search Report, four of the cited references are indicated as being in category X or Y with regard to certain of the claims originally filed in the international application, while the remaining four references are indicated as being in category A, i.e., showing the technological background with respect to certain of the originally filed claims.

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